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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).

2. (previously presented): A method for determining a position, in particular a

future position, of an object, in particular of a particle or the like, comprising:

determining a progression of the position of a reference object passing through a

process;

forming differences of positions between the object and the reference object;

forming error position terms from the differences; and

weighting the error position terms with at least one correction factor,

wherein the error position terms weighted with the correction factor are added up,

and the position of the object is determined by adding the weighted and summed error

position terms to the position of the reference object; and

outputting, displaying, storing or otherwise conveying said determined position of

the object.

3. (original): The method according to claim 2, wherein the correction factor is

calculated by an adjoint process.

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4. (original): The method according to claim 3, wherein the adjoint process, as a

function of time, runs in the direction opposite to the process of the reference object.

5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented): A method for determining a position, in particular a

future position, of an object, in particular of a particle or the like, comprising:

determining a progression of the position of a reference object passing through a

process;

forming differences of positions between the object and the reference object;

forming error position terms from the differences; and

weighting the error position terms with at least one correction factor,

wherein the object is a first option, the reference object is a second option, the

position is an early exercise price, the error position terms are error price terms, and the

correction factor is a constant number; and

outputting, displaying, storing or otherwise conveying said early exercise price.

7. (previously presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein the second

option is a European equivalent of the first option, the first option being an American option.

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